Husband's Name: **EDWARD ASHBY SOUTHARD**

Born:	1846/7	near Cookstown, Burlington County, NJ
Married:	1870/2[1]	
Died:	24 September 1898	Chesterfield, Burlington County, NJ
Buried:	*Jacobstown Baptist Cemetery*, Jacobstown, NJ	

Father: JOSEPH S. SOUTHARD (28 December 1823 to 1906)
Mother: MARY ANN SMIRES (1827 to 29 October 1887)

Wife's Name: **MARY A. MURPHY**

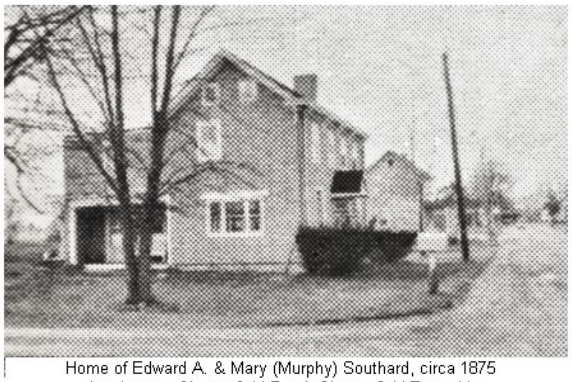
Born:	22 April 1852	County Wexford, Ireland[2]
Died:	20 July 1943	Chesterfield, Burlington County, NJ
Buried:	*Jacobstown Baptist Cemetery*, Jacobstown, NJ	

Father: JOHN MURPHY (1811 to 14 August 1889)
Mother: MARGARET MONAHAN (1823 to 7 April 1891)

Issue:	Born:	Where:[3]
1) ANNA MARY SOUTHARD	November 1872	
2) JOSEPH C. SOUTHARD	November 1874	
3) EMILY H. SOUTHARD	5 April 1877	Upper Freehold Tp, Mon Co, NJ
4) **JOHN LAWRENCE SOUTHARD**	**15 July 1879**	**Hornerstown, Monmouth Co, NJ**
5) WILLIAM M. SOUTHARD	May 1882	Upper Freehold Tp, Mon Co, NJ
6) MARGARET N. SOUTHARD	December 1884	Burlington Co, NJ
7) LYDIA J. SOUTHARD	26 March 1891	New Hanover Tp, Burlington Co, NJ
8) EDWARD ALBERT SOUTHARD	30 October 1894	Jacobstown, Burlington Co, NJ

EDWARD married MARY A. MURPHY sometime between September 1870 and February 1872. They were probably married at the Roman Catholic Church of the Assumption in New Egypt. The *Daily True American* newspaper carried no marriage announcement for them during 1870 or 1871. MARY was born 22 April 1852 to JOHN MURPHY and MARGARET DONOVAN, his wife, in County Wexford, Ireland, probably in the vicinity of Monageer.[4]

They most likely met when MARY'S family moved to Cookstown between 1860 and 1870. In the 1870 Census, EDWARD and MARY'S parents are found not far from each other and both were enumerated on the same date indicating that they lived close to each other.[5]



Home of Edward A. & Mary (Murphy) Southard, circa 1875
Jacobstown-Chesterfield Road, Chesterfield Township

They were living on Jacobstown-Chesterfield Road in Chesterfield Township, Burlington County by 1876; it is believed the house pictured was within the "Village of

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Recklesstown" which became the village of Chesterfield in 1888. WESLEY and HARRIET TANTUM lived in this two-story clapboard house before EDWARD and MARY.[6] MARY bought land from WESLEY TANTUM in 1915. By 1879, EDWARD and MARY moved to Hornerstown in Upper Freehold Township, Monmouth County where their son JOHN was born. They were living in the same township for the 1880 census.[7] By 1885 they moved to Cookstown in New Hanover Township, Burlington County and the family was still there a decade later.[8] One source places the birth of their daughter in Plumsted Township, Ocean County but this is probably an incorrect computer extract.[9]

A family story has it that EDWARD scratched his leg on a rusty nail and got blood poisoning that resulted in the loss of his leg.[10] According to the death certificate, EDWARD took ill in January 1898 with some type of tumor. At the time of his death, 24 September 1898, they were still living in Cookstown, New Jersey. Some computer generated sources are incorrect, listing the place of death as Plumsted Township, Ocean County.[11] EDWARD died of complications of the surgical removal of the tumor and was buried in *Jacobstown Baptist Cemetery*, plot 234. The plot is marked by a tall, white marble monument. It is greatly eroded but the inscription is thought to read:

EDWARD A. SOUTHARD
Died Sept. 24 1898
Aged 52 years

Farewell My Wife and Children Dear
Oh Hush That Troubled Sigh
For God Thy Sorrowed Hearts Will Cheer
Shed Not For Me That Bitter Tear
I Did Not Fear To Die
From You A Father Christ Doth Call
Mourn Not For Me It Is In Vain
To Call Me To Your Sight Again

There is also emblem thought to indicate the deceased was a member of the Baptist Church, but this has not been verified.[12]

Farmhouse of Mary Southard, Jacobstown-Chesterfield Road, Chesterfield Township, NJ
Pictured here as it probably looked when purchased in 1908

After the death of EDWARD in 1898, MARY remained with the family on the farm. In the 1900 census she is found with her son JOSEPH as the head of household and all eight children still together.[13] *CHRIS* WOODWARD, physician, is listed as a brother-in-law and, indeed, he was the husband of EMILY, but his name was CHARLES. On 11 March 1908 MARY and her son JOSEPH purchased 3 tracts of land on Chesterfield-Jacobstown Road from the heirs of PETER RAGAN. One tract

contained 89.18 acres and was on the north side of *the road from Chesterfield to Arneystown and Jacobstown* and 2 tracts were on the south side of the same road and contained 3.14 acres for $5000.00.[14] In the 1910 Federal Census, JOSEPH is found with his mother MARY, and siblings LYDIA and EDWARD at the farm on *Jacobstown Road*. In the 1915 State Census MARY and her sons JOSEPH and EDWARD are found with CHARLES MCCABE, a 39-year-old laborer; JAMES BRISTALL, a 24-year-old black laborer and JESSIE CRAIG, a 30-year old black servant; all three were born in Pennsylvania.[15] MARY A SOUTHARD bought land from WESLEY TANTUM in Burlington County; the deed was recorded in 1915 but little else is known at this point.[16] He did own two small lots on the south side of Jacobstown-Chesterfield Road, one about 85' x 131' and the other 63' x 132', that he bought from KEZIAH and SAMUEL POTTS, son of JOHN POTTS who owned them previously.[17] The purchase was probably one, or both, of these small lots and, given the size, may have been house lots. In 1920, MARY and her son JOSEPH are on Jacobstown-Chesterfield Road with CORNELIA WOODWARD, *boarder*, and ERNEST BOROGIS, *hired man*. The census relates that MARY, now sixty-five years old; came to the United States in 1855 and that she was not naturalized.[18] Three mortgages for Mary A. Southard in Burlington County have been found indexed in 1908, 1914, and 1917.[19] Why the *Boston Evening Transcript* of 31 July 1913 carried the following in their *Recent Deaths* section is not known:

> *Major Walter P. Montague of Virginia died yesterday at the farm of Joseph Southard, at Chesterfield, N.J., where he was a visitor. Major Montague , who was seventy-two years old, served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. He was a thirty-third degree Mason. He leaves his wife, three daughters and one son.*[20]

Descendants of EDWARD describe a farm at which they visited several times between the 1920s and 1960s as a big, white farmhouse without electricity, water, or heat. The house had a large dining room, large enough for the family and several farmhands. According to *Chesterfield Township Heritage*, it was known as the WILLIAM FOULKE home and dates to around 1840. WILLIAM was married to MARY REGAN, daughter of PETER REGAN and ANN MOUNT. MARY bought the land from the heirs of PETER REGAN. Family members included MARY, "GRANDMOM SOUTHARD," her son "UNCLE JOE," and an "UNCLE JOHN" who is an unknown as MARY'S son JOHN had died in 1911.

Farmhouse of Mary Southard, Jacobstown-Chesterfield Road, Chesterfield Township, NJ, circa 1940

"GRANDMOM SOUTHARD." was described as having a "stooped-over" posture and long, white hair, always in braids. There are several pictures of the farm when owned by the SOUTHARD family in existence and it appears in the book *Chesterfield Township Heritage* as their pre-1876 residence does.[21] A picture appeared in an unidentified area newspaper with the caption *Five Generations In One Family* with the names as MRS. MARY SOUTHARD of Chesterfield, MRS. ROBERT LUTES, her daughter, MRS. CHARLES BURTIS, her grand-daughter, MRS. HOWARD

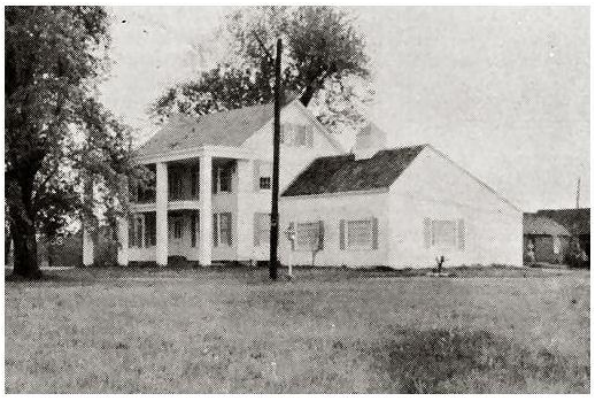
SPRAGUE, great-grand-daughter and CARLTON SPRAGUE, great-great-grandson. It is also thought that each child had a charcoal and water-color portrait done and these were given to MARY as a gift and they hung in the farmhouse for years. Two of the portraits, that of JOHN and the one of JOSEPH, were in the care of WILSON and OLIVE SOUTHARD for many years and were given to this author because of his expressed interest in preserving them. The three photographs included here show the farmhouse as it looked when purchased in 1908, mid-way through the fifty-six year ownership and how it looked when sold in 1964 (below) which is the way most people that visited the farm who are reading this will remember it.

MARY died on the 20th of July in 1943 on the farm in Chesterfield. An obituary, thought to be from the *Trenton Times,* under the title *MRS. SOUTHARD'S Rites Tomorrow* relays that she had died on *Tuesday night at her home; services will be held from her home July 23rd at 2:00 pm with REVEREND ALFRED L. BANYARD, Rector of Christ Church in Bordentown officiating.* The funeral director was NORMAN T. PEPPLER. The obituary continues she was born in Ireland and is survived by three daughters: MRS. ANNA LUTES of Ellisdale, MRS. ROY HOLLOWAY of Chesterfield, MRS. HARRY CHAFEY of Mount Holly; two sons: JOSEPH of Chesterfield and EDWARD of Trenton; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. *More than 50 of her grandsons and nephews are in the armed services.* She was buried in Jacobstown Baptist Cemetery, next to her husband. In her will, dated 15 February 1943, she left her entire estate to her son JOSEPH.[22]

ISSUE:[23]

1) ANNA M. SOUTHARD: married ROBERT LUTES; lived in Ellisdale, New Jersey. The *Allentown Messenger* of 23 March 1933 has the following notations: *MRS. ROBERT LUTES was hostess to the Ladies Aid Society last Wednesday afternoon...* and *...MRS. S.L. SOUTHARD and MRS. ROBERT LUTES were Hightstown visitors on Wednesday*. The identity of "MRS. S.L. SOUTHARD" hasn't been determined. Descendents include the surnames BURTIS, SPRAGUE and O'HAGAN. ANNA is buried in Alicedale, New Jersey. The *Allentown Messenger* of 15 May 1941 lists the death of JAMES O'HAGAN, the eight-month old son of MR. & MRS. STANLEY O'HAGAN of Church Street in Allentown. Survivors included two brothers CHARLES and STANLEY, grandparents MR. & MRS. CHARLES BURTIS, grandmother MRS. ROBERT LUTES and great-grandmother, MRS. MARY SOUTHARD of Chesterfield. ANNA died before October 1964.

2) JOSEPH SOUTHARD: lived in Chesterfield all his life, never married. He died at Buttonwood Hall, a nursing home in Lisbon, NJ, on 29 October 1964.[24] He was buried in the family plot with his parents in Jacobstown Cemetery. After he passed away, the farm and farmhouse was eventually sold. After remaining empty for a few years, it was completely destroyed by an accidental fire.


Farmhouse of Mary Southard, Jacobstown-Chesterfield Road, Chesterfield Township, NJ, 1964

3) EMILY SOUTHARD: married c1898 first

CHARLES P. WOODWARD, M.D. (born c1870, New Egypt to CHARLES E. WOODWARD, M.D. and LILA TEMPLEMAN). The *Young DOCTOR WOODWARD* was charged with malpractice in causing the October 1901 death of ANNA MCCLOUGH of Allentown *by means of a criminal operation*.[25] They were living on Main Street in New Egypt in 1910. They had 3 children but none were living by 1910. Records for them are very difficult to find, only the 1910 census has been located. They took in MARION SOUTHARD after the death of EMILY'S brother JOHN in 1911. They were divorced before Sept 1916. EMILY married second WALTER C. POWELL on 25 September 1916 in Trenton. Her first husband CHARLES died on 27 June 1921 in *Chesterfield, Plumstead Township, Ocean County*, he was listed as single on the death certificate. EMILY died before October 1964.

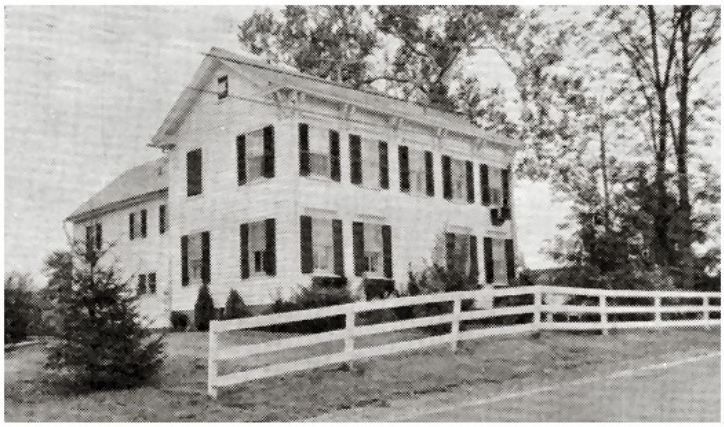
4) JOHN LAWRENCE SOUTHARD: moved to Oceanport, Eatontown Township, Monmouth County in late 1900 or early 1901 to work on the farm of SAMUEL SMOCK.[26] (continued in separate file)

5) WILLIAM SOUTHARD: married SALLY P. VANARSDALE. They were living on Chesterfield-Jacobstown Road in Chesterfield Township in 1920 with their children.[27] WILLIAM died 7 February 1943, and SALLY in 1966. They are buried in *Bordentown Cemetery*. Descendents may include the surname DANBURY.
   a) VERNON LAWRENCE SOUTHARD, born circa 1909; married (1) IRMA KLEIN, daughter of JOSEPH and RACHEL KLEIN. Received a preliminary decree of divorce in August 1936, at which time VERNON lived in Chesterfield and IRMA in Roebling.[28] VERNON married (2) LILIA ROGERS. Interred at *Bordentown Cemetery*. A gravestone has the names VERNON E. SOUTHARD, born 1909, died 1999 and wife MARY A. SOUTHARD (1910 – 1993); it is not certain if this is the same person.
   b) LILA SOUTHARD: born circa 1913; married (1) LEWIS KLEIN, perhaps a brother of IRMA; married (2) LLOYD NEWELL. Interred at *Bordentown Cemetery*.
      i) VERNON L. NEWELL: married GAIL DANBURY.
         (1) NANCY NEWELL: born 26 March 1971.
         (2) DONALD NEWELL: born 15 October 1973. (TWINS)
         (3) PAUL NEWELL: born 15 October 1973.
         (4) VICKI NEWELL: born 8 January 1979.
   c) WILLIAM SOUTHARD: born 11 September 1918. Died 5 May 2002. Interred at *Bordentown Cemetery* with wife ADA G. SOUTHARD (1923 – 2012)

6) MARGARET D. SOUTHARD: married ROY HOLLOWAY (born 1885, son of ALFRED HOLLOWAY and his wife ALICE M. WALLACE) on 9 September 1906 in the Methodist-Episcopal Parsonage in Crosswicks by WILLIAM H. MURPHY. They honeymooned at Niagara Falls.[29] lived in the same home on Georgetown Road in Chesterfield Township that her sister LYDIA did, but it is not clear if that was immediately before or afterwards.[30] The 1910 census places them on "Crosswicks-Georgetown Road" in that township which may be the same road as a Georgetown Road does not appear in that census. There is also a Bordentown-Georgetown Road in that census that could be the same as Georgetown Road.[31] By 1920 they moved to Millers Lane in the village of Chesterfield.[32] She was living in Bordentown in 1964; ROY died in Mercerville, Mercer County, New Jersey on 7 July 1974 and was buried in

Crosswicks Community Cemetery in North Crosswicks. MARGARET died in 1981 and was buried with husband.

a) DELIA A. HOLLOWAY: born 1908; married RALPH MCDANIELS.
b) ALICE M. HOLLOWAY: born May 1918; married EDGAR SATTERWAIT.
   i) ROY SATTERWAIT



This house on Georgetown Road in Chesterfield Township was home to three Southard families: Margaret Southard (daughter of Joseph) and her second husband Charles Lawyer, circa 1900; Margaret Southard (daughter of Edward) and her husband Roy Holloway, circa 1910; and Lydia Southard (daughter of Edward) and her husband Harry Chafey, circa 1915.

7) LYDIA SOUTHARD: married HARRY CHAFEY on 29 November 1911. They lived on Georgetown Road in Chesterfield Township in a house that had been previously occupied by LYDIA'S aunt "MAGGIE" SOUTHARD LAWYER.[33] In 1920 they were on Chesterfield-Sykesville Road in Chesterfield Township where HARRY was a farmer. LYDIA was living in Princeton in 1964; she died around 1987 and was buried in Mount Holly.
   a) DORIS CHAFEY: born circa 1913; married ____TAYLOR, lived in Atco, New Jersey.
   b) IRIS CHAFEY: born circa 1914.
   c) JOHN CHAFEY: born circa 1915.
   d) EVELYN EMILY CHAFEY: born March 1916.
   e) LYDIA CHAFEY: born March 1917.
   f) MARTHA CHAFEY: born December 1918; married _____PETERS.
   g) HARRY CHAFEY.
   h) HELEN CHAFEY.
   i) WILLIAM CHAFEY.
   j) MARY CHAFEY.
   k) ELIZA CHAFEY: married (1)___, widowed, (2) HARTSHORNE TANTUM.[34]

8) EDWARD ALBERT SOUTHARD: In a short biography from 1922 (referenced herein) he said he was born in Jacobstown while on his WW II draft card he said he was born in Cookstown. After completing high school around 1911, he became an auto mechanic as well as tire "vulcanizing" which entails the use of high heat to fuse the various parts together and add the tread pattern. He moved to Trenton around 1915 where he worked as an auto mechanic and lived in a row home at 1726 East State Street near Nottingham Way. His widowed sister-in-law ELIZABETH moved in 1916 and was still there the following year as shown by the city directories for 1917 and 1918. EDWARD entered the United States Army on 22 February 1918 and was honorably discharged 20 May 1919. Probably in part due to the vagaries of war, and in part because MARGARET was pregnant, he married shortly before an expected deployment in France. On 1 April 1918 he married MARGARET J. (JENNY) LYONS (born 4 July 1894 at Trenton to DANIEL J. LYONS and MARY GREBBON) at Allentown. He opened his own tire business in Allentown after being discharged but remained a resident of Trenton. By 1922 he

had become a member of the Roman Catholic Church and was a Democrat.[35] In 1930 EDWARD, MARGARET and JACK were living at 117 Montgomery Street in Trenton. In 1942 "MRS. MARGARET LYONS," mother of JACK, was living at 108 Center Street in Trenton. It is thought that EDWARD SOUTHARD was married two more times: MARY BOGDANE is named as his second wife and JULIANNE as his third. It is not known how long he remained in Allentown but the 70-year-old EDWARD was definitely living in Trenton when his brother JOSEPH died in October 1964. EDWARD died in Willingboro, Burlington County, NJ in December 1975.

a) MARY E. SOUTHARD: born December 1918; died 18 Feb 1919; buried *Saint John's Cemetery*, Allentown.[36]
b) JOHN "JACK" LAWRENCE SOUTHARD: born 22 February 1921 and probably named after his uncle who had died 10 years earlier. He attended Crosswicks School and graduated from Cathedral High in Trenton. He studied to be an aviation mechanic at the Norfolk (VA) Naval Air Station. He was serving on the aircraft carrier *USS Hornet* when it was severely damaged on 26 October 1942 during the Battle of the Santa Cruz Islands in the Solomon's Campaign. The carrier was hit by 3 bombs, 3 torpedoes and 2 kamikaze hits. He was not hurt and rescued after abandoning the listing ship. Attempts to scuttle the stricken carrier failed and she was sunk the following day by Japanese torpedoes. He returned to Trenton and visited his mother before returning to active duty. He married MARY JULIA KUNTZ (daughter of JOHN JOSEPH KUNTZ and HANNAH KOVACS; 2 February 1921 – 28 August 1998). He died in Trenton on 11 November 1982. His widow was living in Barnegat, NJ when she died.

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[1] Birth and marriage dates estimated from existing records in possession of author.

[2] Information obtained from death certificate of Mary Southard and letter from Lydia Chaffey to Paula Radwanski, dated 21 April 1980, copy of which is in author's possession.

[3] "New Jersey Births and Christenings, 1660-1980", database, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FCG5-CRF *and* FZDC-GF7: 26 August 2020), Edward Southard in entry for Unknown Southard, 1882 and Edward Southard in entry for Margt. S. Southard, 1884.

[4] Information obtained from death certificate of Mary Southard and letter from Lydia Chaffey to Paula Radwanski, dated 21 April 1980, copy of which is in author's possession.

[5] 1870 U.S. Census Burlington Co, NJ, New Hanover Twp., 14 July 1870, p.744, lns 24-30 and p.745, fa 30, dw 27, lns 26-28..

[6] *Chesterfield Township Heritage* (Chesterfield Township Tercentenary Committee, Crosswicks, NJ) 1964, page 75. NOTE: Edward is incorrectly listed as "M.A. Southard.

[7] 1880 U.S. Census (Free Schedule) Monmouth County, NJ, Upper Freehold Twp., 18 June 1880, p.15, family 140, dwelling 136, lines 42-47, enumeration district 126.

[8] 1885 NJ State Census, Burlington Co, New Hanover Twp., 30 June 1885, p. 35, Dw.239, Fa.255, Person No.1036-1043; and 1895 NJ State Census, Burlington County, New Hanover Twp., pp.26-27, person No.777-785.

[9] "New Jersey Births and Christenings, 1660-1980", database, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FCRZ-HY6: 26 August 2020), Edward Southard in entry for Southard, 1891.

[10] Marion Minard (second cousin of Edward through Gilbert M. Southard), Trenton, NJ, letter to author dated 19 October 1989.

[11] "New Jersey Deaths and Burials, 1720-1988", database, *FamilySearch* (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FZZL-1BX: 19 January 2020 *and* FZHW-LYW: 22 July 2021), Edward Southard, 1898.

[12] Erosion is due to the soft quality of white marble. In 1994 an estimate for repairs was $1470.00 to redo the existing inscription and $140.00 to add "Mary A. Murphy Died July 20, 1943" as her separate small stone is only inscribed "Mother." JM Bowker & Sons of Bordentown, NJ provided this estimate and suggested a longer-lasting solution, that being to erect a supplemental gray granite marker on this plot for $975.00.

[13] 1900 U.S. Census (Free Schedule) Burlington Co, NJ, New Hanover Twp., 5 June 1900, p.3A, fa 57, dw 55, lns 32-41, ed 25.

[14] Burlington County Deeds, Book 459, p.292, recorded 5 May 1910.

[15] 1915 NJ State Census, Burlington County, Chesterfield Township, 1 June 1915, Sheet 2B, Lines 79-84, Dw 36, Fa 41.

[16] Burlington County Deeds, Book 521, page 109, recorded 1915.

[17] Burlington County Deeds, Book A10, page 279, recorded 9 October 1879.

[18] 1910 U.S. Census Burlington Co, NJ, Chesterfield Twp., 10/11 May 1910, p.7A, fa 195, dw 192, lns 4-8, ed 58.

[19] Burlington County Mortgages, Book E5, p. 345 (1908); Book X5, p. 406 (1914); Book 134, p. 237 (1917).

[20] *Boston Evening Transcript*, 31 July 1913, "Recent Deaths."

[21] *Chesterfield Township Heritage* (Chesterfield Township Tercentenary Committee, Crosswicks, NJ) 1964, page 80.

[22] Mary Southard, will of; Burlington County, Book 81 of Wills, p.27, #C9729; dated 15 Feb. 1943, probated 1 Dec.1943; Hughes Justice Complex, CN 971, Trenton, NJ 08625.

[23] Regarding the children, the author has more detailed information in his possession.

[24] *Bordentown Register*, 5 November 1964, page 24, column 5.

[25] *New Jersey Courier*, 24 October 1901.

[26] *Red Bank Register*, 25 September 1901; Wedding announcement of John Lawrence Southard and Elizabeth Parker.

[27] 1920 United States Census (Free Schedule) Burlington County, NJ. Chesterfield Township. ED 78, sheet 4B, page 234, family 80, dwelling 78, nos. 98-100, and sheet 5A, page 235, nos. 1-2.

[28] *Mount Holly Herald*, 28 August 1936, Sect.2, p.3, col.1

[29] *Daily True American*, 17 September 1906.

[30] *Chesterfield Township Heritage* (Chesterfield Township Tercentenary Committee, Crosswicks, NJ) 1964, page 70.

[31] 1910 U.S. Census (Free Schedule) Burlington County, NJ, Chesterfield Twp., 13/14 May 1910, family 270, dwelling 265, lines 80-82, enumeration district 58, sheet 11B; Series T624, roll 871, page 11.

[32] 1920 U.S. Census (Free Schedule) Burlington County, NJ, Chesterfield Twp., Village of Chesterfield, 7/8 January 1920, family 120, dwelling 117, lines 56-60, enumeration district 78, sheet 6B; Series T625, roll 1020, page 237.

[33] *Op.cit.* Note 22.

[34] *Op.cit.* Note 22.

[35] History of Monmouth County, New Jersey 1664 – 1920, Volume III (NY: Lewis Publishing Company; 1922) page 373.

[36] *Trenton Evening Times*, 19 February 1919.